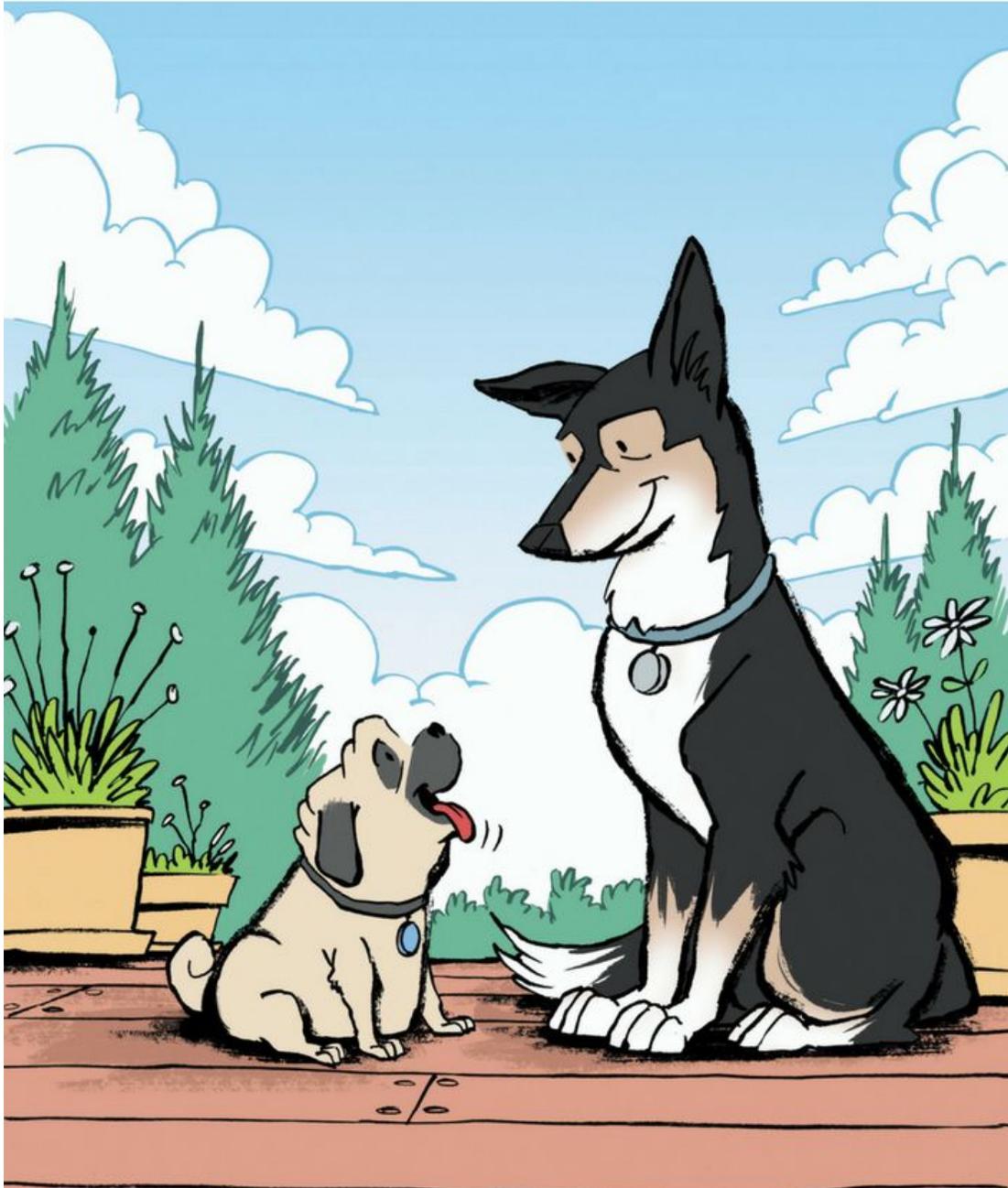


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*THE ADVENTURES OF
AUSSIE AND OTIS*



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HAPPY ENDING FOR SLED DOG WHO SURVIVED THE 2010 WHISTLER SLED DOG MASSACRE Author Inspired By The Unique Bond Between His Adopted Sled Dog And Pug Puppy

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA - Following the Vancouver Olympics in 2010 between 80 and 100 sled dogs were massacred over the short period of two days. Author, R.P. Huttinga's dog Aussie was a part of a large group of sled dogs who were rescued and put up for adoption. Aussie, finally free and safe no doubt expected to relax and enjoy her retirement, but that all changed when Otis, a stubborn, energetic, Pug puppy joined the family. With patience and persistence, the two dogs formed an unexpectedly close bond that demonstrated how well retired, sled dogs can adapt to family life.

As R.P. Huttinga watched the two dogs bond the idea of writing a book formed. His passion for sled dogs that belief that they should be adopted into forever homes with loving families lead him to write *The Adventures of Aussie and Otis; Welcome Home* and partner with the Victoria Humane Society.

Welcome Home, is the first book in a planned series following the wild adventures of Aussie and Otis to encourage the adoption of sled dogs. The story follows Aussie and Otis as they meet and walk down their favourite trail in Lake Cowichan. Inspired by Aussie's tales of adventure as a former sled dog, Otis longs to become a courageous sled pug like his big sister.

About the Author

R.P. Huttinga is a school bus driver for the Saanich School District and a passionate dog lover. He admits that as a child he was not a great student but his love for his pets inspired him to start writing and overcome the challenges that writing a book entails. He lives on Vancouver Island with his family, both two-legged and four-legged.

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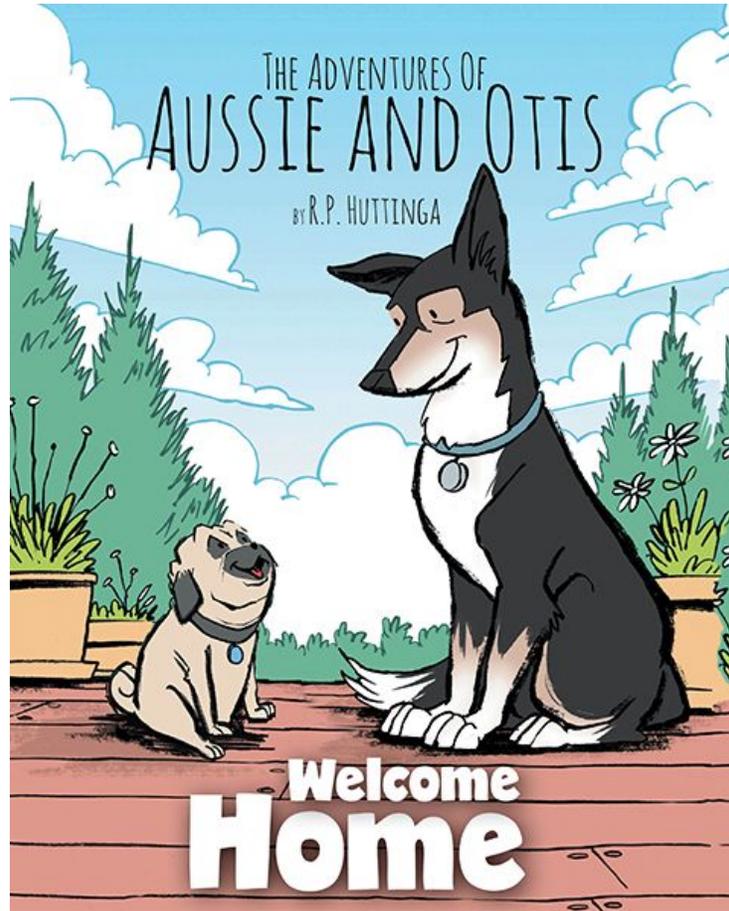
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ABOUT THE BOOK:

THE ADVENTURES OF AUSSIE AND OTIS WELCOME HOME

BY R.P. HUTTINGA

Aussie is a retired sled dog who just wants a cozy bed and warm blankets to nap in. One morning she wakes up and is surprised to find that her family have adopted a tiny pug puppy named Otis. Little Otis is a bundle of energy and is full of questions for his new big sister, and Aussie finds that she likes to teach him about the world just as much as he likes to learn. In this adorable tale of unlikely best friends, readers will see that retired sled dogs are wonderful companions – whether you're a human or a pug!

A PORTION OF SALES WILL BE DONATED TO THE VICTORIA HUMANE SOCIETY TO HELP SLED DOGS, IN LOVING MEMORY OF AUSSIE.

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AUTHOR'S BIO:

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In 2010 after The Vancouver Winter Olympics a sled dog company in Whistler, BC. shot between 80-100 sled dogs. Aussie was apart of a large group that was rescued and brought to Victoria, BC. for adoption. R.P. Huttinga and his family adopted Aussie when she was 12 and Otis when he was just 8 weeks old. The two dogs became fast friends despite their age differences, and the idea for this book was sparked when the author noticed the two furry pals walking their favourite trail in Lake Cowichan, BC. This is the first book in a series of Aussie and Otis adventures, and is R.P.'s first book. He lives on Vancouver Island with his wife and daughter. You can also see Aussie in The CBC documentary, Sled Dogs.

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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WRITE THE ADVENTURES OF AUSSIE AND OTIS?

"My inspiration came from when we learned of Aussie's past and how amazing it was to watch her adapt to us adopting a pug puppy. Watching her accept and embrace her new role as a guardian to this little bundle of energy was amazing, as was how quickly this totally opposite pair of dogs quickly formed a friendship."

2. WHEN DID YOU DECIDE TO WRITE THIS BOOK?

"The real idea for the book started to form when I was observing the two dogs sleeping together and walking their favourite trails. They took to each other very quickly when Otis was a puppy and I started to think about the possibility of someone writing a story about them; no one took me seriously so I decided I should try writing the book myself!"

3. WHEN DID YOU START WRITING THE BOOK?

"The project started at The Beacon Drive-In. I work for the Saanich School District as a bus driver and while on a field trip, I took refuge at the restaurant to enjoy a cup of tea. I had taken my notebook with me with some of the ideas I had for the book and after enjoying my cup of tea I looked over my notes. I made about four attempts at writing the first page, and once I had done that I finally felt comfortable with the characters I had created."

4. WHY IS THE ADOPTION OF RETIRED SLED DOGS IMPORTANT TO DO?

"The reason I feel so strongly about the adoption of sled dogs is because the first time Aussie and I looked at each other. She captured my heart with her soft brown eyes and her gentle soul. From that moment forward I knew that every, single sled dog deserved a loving and safe home."

5. DO YOU HAVE PLANS FOR AN AUSSIE AND OTIS SERIES?

"I am planning on turning this into a series and have begun working on the second Aussie and Otis book. For now, my goal is help people to understand the need for sled dogs to be adopted and loved, and hopefully have Welcome Home become a bestseller."

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